

# BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

(Ms. EDWARDS of Maryland asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. EDWARDS of Maryland. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness Month. It is perhaps appropriate that in this month we are all tasked to reform this Nation's health care system for the millions of women who each year are screened and diagnosed with breast cancer and other breast disease.

And yet there is also a glaring disparity in the diagnosis and treatment of breast disease. According to the Office of Minority Health, African American women are 34 percent more likely to die from breast cancer than white women. African American women are also 10 percent less likely to be diagnosed with breast cancer.

This disparity in screening diagnosis and treatment leads to not only more expensive care in the long run, but far too often death. A report released by the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies estimates that the combined costs of such health inequalities and premature deaths in the United States total \$1.24 trillion.

We must eliminate disparities and discriminatory insurance practices impacting minorities and women not only because it's cost effective but because it's the right thing to do.

It's time to provide quality, affordable, and accessible health care with a public plan that allows choice, care, and competition.

# POST MAJOR LEGISLATION 72 HOURS BEFORE VOTE TAKES PLACE

(Ms. FOXX asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, it's fitting that Congress pass a bill that gives Members of Congress and the American public 72 hours to read major legislation before Congress votes. Both the stimulus and the national energy bill passed in the House less than 1 day after coming to the floor.

In town halls all across the country, constituents have demanded that each major bill be made available to Members of Congress and the public for at least 72 hours before a vote takes place. We should not rush to pass a sweeping government takeover of health care and energy or advance any other important issue without taking the time to understand fully its impact on American families and small businesses.

Mr. Speaker, the American people have spoken. Let's give them and their elected leaders 72 hours to read what's in the bills before Congress.

# ICE DETENTION REPORT

(Mr. POLIS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. POLIS. Mr. Speaker, yesterday Secretary Napolitano and Immigration and Customs Enforcement Assistant Secretary John Morton released a much-anticipated report on ICE's detention policies, which detailed observations and recommendations made by former detention policy and planning director, Dora Schriro.

Despite ICE's previously stated goals of focusing on the detention and deportation of dangerous criminal immigrants, Dr. Schriro's report clearly states that two-thirds of the individuals being detained at taxpayer expense by ICE are noncriminal immigrants, a proportion which has stayed constant over the past 2 years.

I am encouraged by Secretary Napolitano's commitment to reforming our Immigration Detention System and her acknowledgment that ICE must create a system that reflects the needs of a largely noncriminal civilian detainee population versus those of a prison population. We must ensure community members that those ICE has classified as "special population," such as parents with minor children, the ill and injured, women, non-violent asylum seekers, are not routinely detained. Those who are eligible and do not present a flight risk or a danger to their community should be able to pay a bond and seek parole.

Luckily, ICE has found successful alternatives to detentions. Secretary Napolitano should continue these alternatives to detention programs.

# PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 2997, AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2010.

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 799 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 799

*Resolved*, That upon adoption of this resolution it shall be in order to consider the conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 2997) making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes. All points of order against the conference report and against its consideration are waived. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the conference report to its adoption without intervening motion except: (1) one hour of debate; and (2) one motion to recommit if applicable.

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The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BLUMENAUER). The gentleman from Massachusetts is recognized for 1 hour.

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, for the purpose of debate only, I yield the

customary 30 minutes to the gentleman from North Carolina (Ms. FOXX). All time yielded during consideration of the rule is for debate only.

# GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. MCGOVERN. I ask unanimous consent that all Members be given 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks on H. Res. 799.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Massachusetts?

There was no objection.

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, H. Res. 799 provides for consideration of the conference report to accompany H.R. 2997, Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 2010. The rule waives all points of order against the conference report on H.R. 2997 and against its consideration, and the rule provides that the previous question shall be considered as ordered without intervention of any motion except one hour of debate and one motion to recommit, if applicable.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of the conference report for the fiscal year 2010 Agriculture Appropriations conference report. This is a good bill, one that went through the regular order. It is, in fact, the third appropriations conference report that this body will consider this year. I want to especially commend Subcommittee Chairwoman ROSA DELAULO and Ranking Member JACK KINGSTON, as well as the other subcommittee members, for their efforts in completing this bill.

Mr. Speaker, this bill is one that normally doesn't get a lot of attention but, in reality, is one of the most important bills that we can pass. I wish the allocation, Mr. Speaker, for this bill, quite frankly, was higher than it is because there is a great need for the programs that make up this bill. This conference report funds the following areas at the Department of Agriculture: public health programs, rural communities, agriculture research, animal health and marketing programs, and conservation. Most importantly, this bill funds domestic and international antihunger and nutrition programs, programs that literally put food in the mouths of hundreds of millions of hungry people here at home and around the world.

Mr. Speaker, this bill is \$2.7 billion more than last year and \$325 million more than the President's request, a 13 percent increase over last year's bill. Following my opening statement, we will hear from my friends on the other side, and I expect that they will talk about how this bill spends too much money and that this increase is simply unnecessary, especially during these difficult economic times.

Well, Mr. Speaker, this increase is needed now more than ever. Just look at where the increases in this bill are targeted: to the areas of nutrition, international food assistance, and food